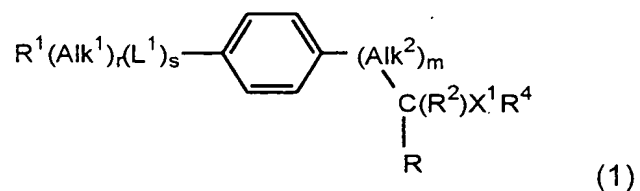


ABSTRACT

Phenylalanine derivatives of formula (1) are described:



wherein

L¹ is a linker atom or group;

10 X¹ is a group selected from -N(R³)CO-, -N(R³)SO₂-, -N(R³)C(O)O- or -N(R³)CON(R^{3a})-; and

R is a carboxylic acid or a derivative thereof.

15 The compounds are able to inhibit the binding of α₄ integrins to their ligands and are of use in the prophylaxis and treatment of diseases or disorders involving inflammation.